Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I think it is a mere question of finances.

Building—Nemmara Registry Office—improvements of.

105. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) what is the present condition of the Registry Office building at Nemmara;

(ii) is there any complaint made by the officer in charge that the records were eaten by white ants for want of sufficient accommodation for safe keeping;

(iii) has the Government any idea to reconstruct the building or to remove it to a suitable building, if available?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(i) The building requires certain improvements.

(ii) The Registrar has reported that the ceiling is attacked by white ants and that accommodation is not also sufficient.

(iii) It is proposed to execute the necessary improvements to the building.

Land Mortgage Bank—Loan applications—disposal of.

106. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government state:—

(a) how many loan applications have been received by the Land Mortgage Bank in 1111 and 1112 respectively;

(b) the number of applications disposed of till now?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(a)

1111	1112 (up to 5—12—12 inclusive)
313	304

(b) 350.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—May I know how many are disposed of in 1111?

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—I have not got the figures for 1111. But I have got the figures up-to-date.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—I should like to know whether any increased work has been done this year than last year?

Mr. President.—It was only started in 1111.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether by the term 'disposed of' it includes both the number which resulted in getting loans and the number that did not get loans or does it mean the number in whose hands money has been paid.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—'Disposed' of includes both. If it is otherwise I would have stated there as sanctioned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know the actual number which got the loans?

Mr. President.—I have given the figures up-to-date in my speech.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The number given there is 277. Has the Government any idea of the total indebtedness of the agriculturist population in this country?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—We have no definite figures.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to tell whether they have not been able to understand the huge indebtedness of the rural population from the economic survey conducted in 9 typical villages? Have you understood it?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies.*—It is not peculiar to this part of the country.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Have you done anything?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Government are trying their level best.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is the Government aware of the miserable indebtedness of the agriculturists?

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Have the Government got any statistics as to the total indebtedness of the State?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—No attempt has been made so far to gather the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Is it not rather essential on the part of the Government to have at least an approximate idea of the agricultural indebtedness?

Mr. President.—It is not possible to make.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Has the Government of India got any statistics?

Mr. President.—No. I was a member of the Commission who made an attempt but it was finally given up as it was found to be impossible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—They have published some statistics.

107. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many of the loan applications mentioned in answer to Question No. 324 of the Legislative Session of 1112 have been disposed of subsequent to Makaram 1112;

(b) what is the amount of loan disbursed subsequent to Makaram 1112 by the Land Mortgage Bank;

(c) what does the grand total of the disbursements come to;

(d) how many fresh applications have been received subsequent to Makaram 1112;

(e) how many applications remain undisposed;

(f) how many applications have been rejected?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—(a) (Up to 5th Karkadagam 1112) 131 (out of the 472 applications).

(b) Rs. 1,66,987-1-5.

(c) Rs. 2,59,309-1-5.

(d) 133.

(e) 267.

(f) 123.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Sir, may I know whether the Land Mortgage Bank has simply touched the very fringe of agricultural indebtedness?

Mr. President.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to take up a more serious plan of helping the agriculturists, of taking some more drastic remedies for this drastic cancer of indebtedness?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Government are doing many other things.

Mr. President.—Government are fully alive to that and all possible measures will be taken.

Police Department—improvement of.

108. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is not a fact that the following observations are made in the Review of the Administration Report of the Police Department for the year 1111:—

"Though it may be said that the work turned out by the department has been fairly satisfactory, yet, the increase in the number of grave crimes and the fall in percentage of stolen property recovered, go to show that the vigilance exercised by the officers has not been up to the mark";

(b) what are the steps taken to improve matters and with what result?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Police Commissioner).*—(a) Yes.

(b) To effect better and closer supervision of work, 2 A. S. Ps. have been appointed in the course of the year; to exercise more prompt vigilance and to improve the efficiency, necessary instructions are also being issued from time to time to the subordinates and their work is closely watched and guided. Results can be definitely ascertained when the work is taken stock of, later.

Toll-tax—Nellikulangara Temple Festival—collection of.

ഹൻ. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി *(Muslims).*— താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവൺമെൻറ സഭയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

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